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SUBJECT: UPDATED EMBASSY AKAR PROPOSAL FOR FY 2007
AMBASSADOR,S FUND FOR EFUGEE FUNDING

REF: STATE 027884

¶1. EmbassyDakar is pleased to re-submit one project
proposa to aid an organization that provides critical
asistance to refugees in Senegal. The proposal focses on
assisting landmine victims in the Casamane region.

PROPOSAL ONE: HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL-INGUICHOR

¶2. Post requests USD 20,000 to support andicap
International (HI), a French organizatio focused on
assisting handicapped people in particular. HI has been in
Senegal since 1996 with a national program to intervene in
medical and economic insertion of landmines victims. The
majority of beneficiaries are returned refugees and persons
who have been displaced by the 22-year-long conflict in the
Casamance region of Senegal. In this proposal, HI is seeking
funds to improve the living conditions of landmine victims,
many of whom are unemployed farmers that are unable to return
to their fields as they have been mined by rebel soldiers,
through socio-economic activities such as keeping handicapped
children in schools, creating income generating activities,
providing medical health care, and making orthopedic apparel.
HI focuses on vocational instruction whereby girls are given
training in areas such as sewing and cooking, while men and
women are involved in fruit and vegetable food processing
programs. This project has never received USG funding. Post
has the authority and the capacity to award a grant to the
intended recipient agency.

EMBASSY POINT OF CONTACT

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